reiterated to the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time to intensify efforts to identify and deport foreign nationals staying in the country illegally.

(b) Foreigners who are unauthorisedly staying are not considered for grant of Indian citizenship.

(c) A Statement of foreign nationals granted Indian citizenship from 1.1.94 to 31.12.96 is attached.

Statement

S. No.	Nationality	Number of I.C. Certificates issued
1.	Afghan	28
2.	Australia	1
3.	Bangladeshi	123
4.	British Protected Person/subject	7
5.	Canada	3
6.	China	6
7.	Cuba	1
8.	Fiji	1
9.	German	1
10.	Iran	21
11.	Iraq	4
12.	Japan	7
13.	Jordan	1
14.	Kenya	10
15.	Kuwait	1
16.	Malawi	1
17.	Malaysia	13
18.	Mauritius	3
19.	Myanmar	8
20.	Oman	1
21.	Pakistan	575
22.	Palestine	2
23.	Portuguese	5
24.	Philippines	1
25.	Russia	3
26.	Saudi Arabia	1
27.	Seychelles	1
28.	Singapore	11
29.	Srilanka	31
30.	Sudan	2
31.	Tanzania	5
32.	Thai	3
33.	Tibet	4
34.	U.A.E.	2
35.	Uganda	2
36.	U.K.	40
37.	U.S.A.	5
38.	Vietnam	3
39.	Venezuela	1
40.	West Indies	1
41.	Zambia	1
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Preservation and Protection of keligious Places

825. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have issued detailed guidelines to the States/Union Territories regarding protection and preservation of religious places as they existed as on 15th August 1947, as per the provision of the places of worship preservation and protection Act;

(b) whether Government have any information about a large number of Muslim religious places in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana which are under illegal occupation and misuse; if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect these places and to remove illegal occupation from such places; and

(c) whether Government would consider and issue detailed guidelines, if such guidelines have not been issued so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The Government has been issueing instructions from time to time to the State Governments regarding effective enforcement and stringent implementation of the provisions of the Act, without any has against any community.

(b) Yes, Sir. As 'Public Order' is listed as Item No. 1 of List-II-State List of the seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, the State Governments are primarily responsibly for law and order matters and also for implementation of the provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.